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Present: Belgium (Luxembourg), France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands,
United Kingdom, United States.

Reference: COCOM Document No. 3715.21/2.

1. The CHAIRMAN invited Delegates to express their Governments' views on the Memorandum submitted by the United Kingdom Delegation on the subject of electrometers (COCOM Document No. 3715.21/2).
2. The FRENCH, GERMAN and ITALIAN Delegations said that their authorities were still examining this document. Their preliminary view was that the United Kingdom interpretation was sound. The Delegates hoped to be able to give final views without delay. The GERMAN Delegate pointed out that military types of electrometers seemed to be covered by Item 11 on the Munitions List.
3. The JAPANESE Delegate stated his authorities' view that the United Kingdom interpretation was a reasonable one.
4. The NETHERLANDS Delegate said that his authorities concurred in the United Kingdom view.
5. The BELGIAN Delegate was uninstructed.
6. The UNITED STATES Delegate said that his authorities could support the United Kingdom analysis of the situation. They would, however, welcome more information as to the "chopper" type amplifier referred to in the third paragraph of COCOM 3715.21/2. Furthermore they asked for confirmation of their assumption that the reference to "new types of electrometer" in the last sentence of the same document related to hypothetical cases only.
7. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate confirmed this assumption. The sentence in question was intended to mean that if new types of electrometer - unknown at present - were brought to the attention of his authorities, then they would be considered, and doubtful cases submitted to the Committee. The Delegate undertook to refer to his authorities the request for details as to "chopper" type amplifiers. Upon receipt of additional information, which might interest other Delegations also, he would raise this question once more.
8. The CHAIRMAN asked those Delegations who had not yet given final views to endeavour to do so when the United Kingdom Delegate reopened the matter, or to make a statement under "Other Business" if preferred.

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